

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace Figures 3 and 4 on page 3/3 with the replacement drawing page submitted here, comprising Figures 3 and 4.

The attached sheet is in a reproducible format and Figure 4 has been amended and identified as Prior Art.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Election/Restrictions

The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims on file have unity of invention under article PCT Rule 13.1.

However, in response to the election of species requirement raised in the Office Action of September 22, 2008, the Applicant submits the following elections without traverse. Each of the species established by the Examiner will be discussed individually for clarity. The Applicant submits that claims 1, 2, 21, 22, 35 and 36 are generic.

Coalescing Media Species

The Applicant elects polyurethane as the species for the coalescing media and therefore withdraws claims 19 and 45 (claims 20 and 46 have been amended to correct the dependency). The elected species of coalescing media encompasses the remaining intervening claims on file.

Operating Mode

The Applicant elects the discontinuous mode and therefore withdraws claims 7 and 24, and amended claims 6 and 23. The selected operating mode encompasses the remaining intervening claims on file.

Drawings Configuration of Species

The Applicant elects the configuration of Figure 1 and therefore withdraws claims 31, 33 and 34. The selected configuration encompasses the remaining intervening claims on file.

State of the Porous Mass

The Applicant elects the compressed species of porous mass. Therefore, claims 13, 14, 39, 40, 49 and 50 have been withdrawn. The selected species encompasses the remaining intervening claims on file.

Drawings

With respect to the drawings, Figure 4 has been identified as Prior Art. The Applicant has furthermore submitted a reproducible drawing page to ensure that Figures 3 and 4 are appropriate for reproduction.

Publication Date of www.separatech.com

The Applicant submits that the date of publication of the FAQ was May 2005.

Oath Declaration

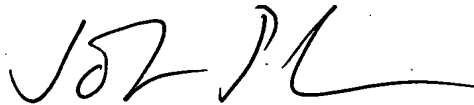
The Applicant submits that the box in the Oath of June 8, 2006 was incorrectly checked. However, the USPTO has accepted the priority claim to PCT/CA03/00468 in their correspondence of July 19, 2006. To clarify the claim to priority, the Applicant has requested that the paragraph indicating this priority be included at the top of page 1 of the application.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Replacement sheet 3/3 consisting of Figures 3 and 4 in reproducible format